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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: MNUC, ESTC, TW
SUBJECT: DENIAL OF EXPORT LICENSE ON HOT ISOSTATIC
PRESS FOR ROC CHUNGSHAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY

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1. ENGLISH LANGUAGE CHINA NEWS OF OCTOBER 22 CARRIED
PAGE 4 ITEM INDICATING DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY HAD DENIED
EXPORT LICENSE FOR HOT ISOSTATIC PRESS ORDERED BY ROC
CHUNGSHAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY. ARTICLE
BY AP DATED LINED BIDDEFORD, MAINE, QUOTES WALTER LACHMAN OF
FIBER MATERIALS INC. AS SAYING THE PERMIT WAS DENIED
QUOTE BECAUSE THE PEOPLE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
TOLD US TAIWAN HAS BEEN ENGAGING IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS
WORK UNQUOTE. ACCORDING TO LACHMAN, THE DEPARTMENT'S
ALLEGATION THAT THE ROC IS MAKING NUCLEAR WEAPONS WAS
THE FIRST TIME SUCH A CHARGE WAS MADE PUBLICLY. HE
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(LACHMAN) SAID DONALD KERR, AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY, AND

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TWO OTHER STAFF MEMBERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT (OF ENERGY) MADE THE CHARGE DURING MEETINGS WITH SENATOR WILLIAM D. HATHAWAY, A MAINE DEMOCRAT.

2. EMBASSY RECEIVED QUERY FROM CHINA NEWS REPORTER OCTOBER 23 FOR BACKGROUND ON DECISION AND WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT ROC IS DOING IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS FIELD. EMBOFF SUGGS TOLD REPORTER THAT EMBASSY HAD NO BACKGROUND ON DECISION AND REFERRED HIM TO PRESIDENT CHIANG'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS THAT THE ROC WOULD NOT PURSUE THE DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, WHICH THE EMBASSY ACCEPTED AS OFFICIAL GROC POLICY.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST DEPARTMENT PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON HANDLING ANTICIPATED ADDITIONAL ENQUIRIES ON DENIAL OF LICENSE. IT IS PROBABLE THAT EMBASSY WILL SHORTLY RECEIVE OFFICIAL QUESTIONS FROM GROC CONCERNING MATTER INASMUCH AS CHUNGSHAN HAD GIVEN ASSURANCES PER REFTEL THAT USG WOULD HAVE POST-INSTALLATION ACCESS TO EQUIPMENT IF SALE WENT THROUGH. UNGER

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